

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract as originally filed with the following amended Abstract:

Q1 A battery pack containing a plurality of battery modules, ~~said~~ these modules comprising a plurality of individual battery units, ~~said~~ these battery units comprising a plurality of bicells with opposing terminals. The battery modules are connected in series by use of a flexible circuit and by opposing positive and negative terminals of each battery unit. The terminals of each battery unit contain a region of apertures which allow the adhesive of the packaging material to seal more effectively, thereby eliminating or reducing the amount of leakage from an individual battery unit.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 11 in the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment as originally filed ["In another aspect of the invention . . . exposed grids 90 of the plurality of bicells 78."] with the following amended paragraph:

Q2 In another aspect of the invention, Figure 5 shows terminal 24 in greater detail. Terminal 24 comprises an electrically conductive tab and may be formed of copper or aluminum material. Terminal 24 allows individual battery unit 20 to be electrically connected to another individual battery unit 20, the flexible connection 14, or another electrical connection. The terminal 24 has a first region 96, a second region ~~[[98]]~~ 98_a having apertures 99_a, a third region 100, a fourth region 102, a first locating hole 104 and a second locating hole 106. In the illustrated embodiment, terminal 24 has a tang 26 protruding from one edge of third region 100 along a lengthwise axis 101. The first region 96 may be welded to the exposed grids 90 of the plurality of bicells 78.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 17 of page 12 in the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment as originally filed ["Figure 8 is a section view taken . . . hot melt adhesive of the packaging 80 to seal with itself."] with the following amended paragraph:

Q3 Figure 8 is a section view taken substantially along lines 8-8 in Figure 6 and shows a first side 120 and a second side 122 of terminal 24 in second region ~~[[98]]~~ 98_b. This better illustrates how the apertures ~~[[98_a]]~~ 98_b allow the hot melt adhesive of the packaging 80 to seal with itself.